DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING July 5, 2013

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

> MaryAnn Miller James Lavman Aaron David Darrell Pollesch **Ernest Borchardt**

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Bernadette Mueller, Child Support Director; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Dept.; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Layman to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by David. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by David to approve Minutes of July 5, 2013; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report:

Judge Storck reported on the State Bar Assistance Grant received by Atty. Gene Kirschbaum that will be used to provide pro se assistance. Atty. Kirschbaum will spend a half day every two weeks and will meet with people in the old DA conference room by Branch 5. The Clerk of Courts Office is giving people the information on how to meet with Gene. Dodge County has received \$4000 for supplies to assist family litigants. Judge Storck will be going to the finance committee meeting next week to establish an account to receive the money, pay for supplies and put together a budget. Not many supplies will be needed so the money received will last more than a year.

Motion made by Borchardt to accept this money; second by David. Motion carried.

Lynn Hron responded that with this program people can sign up for times and her staff is directing people on how to do that.

The County Bar has been approached with the possibility of other attorneys donating time.

2. Judge Storck also reported on the State budget's impact on the court system. The initial amount was a \$17 million cut. Because \$10.3 million was covered by a cut in expenses, it was felt that \$6.7 million was the actual amount of the cut. The impact for the local court would be \$340,000 based on the usual grant. Judge Storck received a memo from John Volchert that the grant for this year will not be affected since the Court's annual budget starts in July, and that the State won't change any payments for 2013. Further Court support payments are up in the air.

Basically the Court will make it through 2013 because of no change for 2013.

- 3. A move for bail bondsmen was vetoed by the governor.
- 4. There will be a new DNA surcharge starting July 2, 2013 that is a mandatory charge of \$200 on misdemeanor (CM/CT) cases and \$250 on felony cases. The impact of this is a previous \$100 fine, the actual cost was \$357 on a CM/CT case. The additional \$200 will make the actual cost now \$547. The DNA is now eliminated for misdemeanor cases at the time of the arrest, but will be done after conviction. Felony cases are at the time of the arrest. The dollars collected for this go elsewhere so will not be used locally.
- 5. There was a change in civil matters that small claims amounts changed from a maximum \$5,000 to \$10,000, so files previously filed as large claims with substantially higher filing fee are now being filed as small claims. Since this was not approved at the time of the budget last year, there will be a loss to the Clerk of Courts Office.
- 6. Personnel changes for the Courts include the retirement of Andrew Bissonnette on July 31, 2013. The new Judge, Joseph Sciascia will take office on August 1, 2013 at 3:00.

As far as court reporters, Judge Storck reported on the resignation of Jane Pfitzinger in Branch 2 as she moved to North Dakota. Tammy Wild will move to Branch 2 from Branch 3. Maria Mountin will begin working full time in Branch 1 and Geri Schrab will be full time in Branch 3. They will be looking for another half time reporter for job share with Geri, but Geri will be full time until someone is found.

Steve Seim will begin working full time as Family Court Commissioner.

Judge Bissonnette and Judge Klossner are going to be coming in one day per week as assistant family court commissioners to fill in those times where Steve Seim previously had family court cases. There should be no change in the Child Support Agency case.

7. Judge Bauer holds meetings for the Dodge County Justice Coordinating Committee quarterly. The last person featured was Kay Marose who is in charge of juvenile delinquency. She spoke on the perceived reduction in juvenile delinquency filings in Dodge County. She reported there are more community wraparound services for youths and families that deal with mental health issues. These reduce the amount of actual referrals. The referrals from police departments are also down, which may be the result of municipal courts.

Dodge County currently only has one minor in the juvenile corrections system and that the cost for this is \$300/day.

8. Judge Storck toured Taycheedah recently. The cost of incarceration there is \$48,000/year. The Judges don't use the cost of incarceration as a determination in their sentencing.

- 9. The security meeting was cancelled because there were no agenda items. They were waiting for bids on additional cameras and changing locks. They may meet in August after bids are received.
- 10. Regarding the parenting project, Mickale Carter is working with the judges to supplement mediation and parent education, and to provide both additional education and supervised visits and possibly also a parent mentor. This program is in its infancy and Br. 1 is working on this along with Atty. Carter.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported that CCAP has provided her office with additional scanners. She had asked to purchase more because of extra money in the budget. These are the small units and each clerk will have one at their desk.

The staff did some changing of cubicles. The staff is doing a great job of covering when Lynn is out of the office which is greatly appreciated.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reported that there is currently one employee out on leave. They hired a former employee as an LTE so this will help through the month of August.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg reported it was business as usual and everything is going well.

Medical Examiner Report: Lee Smith reported that the 6 month numbers will be available next month. That office will be going to electronic death certificates. PJ was one of the testers.

Their office is going to be part of a simulation shooting that is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 16. They will report on this at the next meeting.

Sheriff Department Report: Scott Smith informed the committee that the IT Committee was reviewing the resolution for money to enhance the New World Project. One of these is a mapping add-on which is a route system so officers can see where a call is and the system will show them the best way to get there — this will work for any responding officer/jurisdiction. The additional funds requested are for training and any other expenses.

They are identifying needs now before the project starts as the needs might not show up until the project is started. The resolution has gone through the IT department.

The Committee discussed the motion that was being made.

Sheriff Ninmann reported that Lomira has been talking about coming on board. Mayville will also be, and most of the full time departments will be using New World. She also anticipates that Iron Ridge and Theresa will be coming on board.

Motion made by Borchardt, second by Layman. Motion passed.

Sheriff Ninmann reported vacancies in the department. The civil service exams have been done and they will be scheduling further interviews. For the two sergeant vacancies the civil service exams are on July 11.

July 16 will be the Cops, K9's and Kids Safety Camp at the fairgrounds. 13 kids have signed up.

As far as federal funds, there is currently no money. The contract beds are currently low.

Tom Polsin is trying to get some state inmates – this would help to get the numbers up and keep costs down. They are also currently looking at staffing numbers.

The federal traffic grants have also gone away.

Sheriff Ninmann also reported on the National Sheriff's Conference. It was one of the best that she has gone to for networking and vendor information. They are looking at mikes and cameras that will record everything, not just from the cars and that the cost is not outrageous. These new systems are Windows based as opposed to the current ICOP program. The quality of audio and video are also improved. The amounts for the costs of these items help reduce the costs of litigation.

They are also looking at systems that when a deputy dictates it will automatically be typed out to help with transcription and secretarial time.

Again, all counties are down in numbers for inmates because federal offenders are being released.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 2, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Layman to adjourn meeting; second by David. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary